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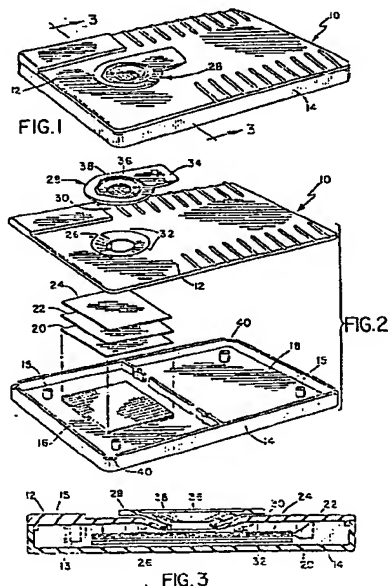
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54 Immunodiagnostic device.

57 A device for assaying biological fluids for molecules contained therein comprising a container (10), material situated in the container for absorbing fluid (20) and in communication with an antibody or antigen impregnated matrix (24), wherein the matrix is accessible to the exterior of the container through a funnel shaped aperture (26) in the roof of the container. Further features include a chemical drying agent (18) associated with the container for absorbing moisture, thereby preventing inactivation of the assay reagents, and a filter (28) situated above the antibody or antigen impregnated matrix, and in communication with the matrix through the aperture in the roof of the container. The filter removes interfering substances present in the biological fluids, and provides protein blocking agents to the matrix material for decreasing the background of the assay.



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## CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

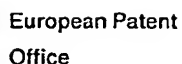
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- ☐ Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

## X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims 1-9,12-25: A device for performing diagnostic assays of biological fluids.....
2. Claims 10,11: A method for impregnating immunochemicals onto matrix materials.....

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